Graydon Carter Quotes

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Christopher Hitchens was a wit, a charmer, and a troublemaker, and to those who knew him well, he was a gift from - dare I say it - God. ~Graydon Carter

You know, I used to warm the thermometer on the light bulb... I was really good at being sick. I could forge my mother's signature on a sick note so well I was hardly ever at school.

~Graydon Carter

Stationery is addictive. I get mine made in Paris at Benetton, and writing on it gives me a strange thrill.

~Graydon Carter

Many men think they're playboys but they invariably land wide of the mark. Surrounding yourself with champagne, fast friends and paid escorts is the very definition of the word 'loser'.

~Graydon Carter

Water-boarding can result in damage to the lungs and the brain, as well as long-term psychological trauma.

~Graydon Carter

I think the absence of socks on men wearing suits and brogues is a problem. They'll live to regret that.

~Graydon Carter

As you get older and fatter, good clothes can hide a lot.

~Graydon Carter

Moping is an unattractive attribute in a man.

~Graydon Carter

The shelf life of a movie actor or actress is so short, it's like milk.

Financial institutions like to call what they do trading. Let's be honest. It's not trading; it's betting.

~Graydon Carter

We really care about photography at Vanity Fair.

~Graydon Carter

Life is all about seating and lighting.

~Graydon Carter

I might wear a dinner jacket once a year to our Oscar party - that's a big thing - but I don't go to parties. I'm social but I'm not a socialite person. ~Graydon Carter

In less than a year, the Bush administration will strut out of office, leaving the country in roughly the same condition a toddler leaves a diaper.

~Graydon Carter

Cod is more responsible for the discovery of the New World than almost anything else. Drove the Vikings across the North Atlantic, and John Cabot discovered America by looking for cod.

~Graydon Carter

I walk down the street and people don't go, 'my God, there he is.' I lead as normal a life as you can lead in New York City.

~Graydon Carter

Many of the architects of the Vietnam War became near pariahs as they spent the remainder of their lives in the futile quest to explain away their decisions at the time.

~Graydon Carter

History is nothing if not an epic tale of missed opportunities.

~Graydon Carter

Television has the obvious benefits of regularity and intimacy. ~Graydon Carter

It's estimated that across Africa 100 elephants are killed for their tusks every day. It takes nothing more than simple math to get to what that adds up to in a year, and it's a distressing figure.

~Graydon Carter

The fact is, unlike a lot of writers, I credit the people who help me. A lot of writers out there have a ton of researchers and they don't get credited in the book.

~Graydon Carter

In this age of 24-7 headlines, the term 'newsweekly' seems almost quaint.

~Graydon Carter

I don't do any research. It's all about gut. Editing - it's always about gut. ~Graydon Carter

I think the movie business is in trouble. It's all movies that you've seen before. Everything's a remake; they want things that are familiar rather than things that surprise you.

~Graydon Carter

Most of us have learned the hard way that there are very few things you can absolutely count on in life.

~Graydon Carter

I don't think you can be a credible, modern candidate for president without making the environment a major part of your platform.

It could safely be said that Iraqis are dying at a faster clip since the American-led invasion and occupation than they did during the last decade of Saddam Hussein's rule.

~Graydon Carter

It could fairly be said that America, during the Bush years, has entered an Age of Denial - arguably the first stage of a nation's decline. ~Graydon Carter

You lose manufacturing jobs, you rarely ever get them back again. ~Graydon Carter

I try to look after the really small things and the really big things, and delegate the stuff in between.

~Graydon Carter

As a father of five, I sometimes feel I've spent a lifetime watching Disney musicals.

~Graydon Carter

It's no surprise that the Bush administration's bullying swagger and blithe ignorance have caused much of the Muslim world to hold the U.S. in rock-bottom regard.

~Graydon Carter

In an age when all that was old seems new again, Bernard DeVoto's The Hour couldn't have made a more timely reappearance. This book reminds me of one of the joys of being an adult-cocktail hour!

~Graydon Carter

Those who remember New York in the 1970s, as I do, look back on a city that had hit a very rough patch - decaying, bankrupt, and crime-ridden. But fun.

Branding experts believe that just because they have rethought a company's image or name, the rest of us will automatically fall in line. ~Graydon Carter

People think they have to be ambitious. But at a certain age, all you want is to be around nice, decent people.

~Graydon Carter

Whatever age we are is the age we've always been.

~Graydon Carter

Every minute you invest in kids you get back four times over.

~Graydon Carter

To a young kid growing up in Canada, America seemed to be crazy about the future; dazzled by it.

~Graydon Carter

Everything I love about America is fragile.

~Graydon Carter

There aren't any looks or customs I wish would come back. Today almost anything goes. Culture constantly devours the past so there's not much that's missing.

~Graydon Carter

After the collapse of Wall Street in the 1920s, the culture stopped being all about money, and the country survived and ultimately flourished. ~Graydon Carter

I have always thought you could take the measure of a man by his sports manners - that is to say, the way in which he conducts himself on the playing field, or even over a game of chess or cards.

My hunch is that pop culture began to stagnate the moment Americans started to love the past more than they did the future.

~Graydon Carter

Conservatives define themselves more by their hatred of liberals than anything else, and, conversely, liberals by their distaste for conservatives.

~Graydon Carter

Magazine stories, the best ones anyway, are generally a combination of three elements: access, narrative, and disclosure.

~Graydon Carter

Memory is often - perhaps usually - a distorting lens: what we think we remember isn't the way it was at all. It's what we'd like to remember. ~Graydon Carter

Fashion is a dangerous road to go down. Anybody who is going to have children later in life had best not be too fashionable because the photos will come back to haunt them.

~Graydon Carter

The greatest thing that prepared me for editing Vanity Fair was having four kids because you just learn to subjugate your ego with the greater interest in mind.

~Graydon Carter

Every man in the back of their minds would like to own a bar or a racehorse.

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